

Food and Coffee Trucks Offer Convenience for Visitors

Each Tuesday and Thursday, a different food truck is available at Contract Services for trainees or other visitors wanting to purchase a quick, convenient lunch or snack from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Options have ranged from Texas BBQ to Vietnamese cuisine, to wood-fired pizzas. For a trial period during September, a tea and coffee truck is parked on-site daily from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Please note, Gate 1 is closed in the mornings to accommodate this exciting new offering.



New Website Additions Help Explain Industry Processes

Recently, in an effort to highlight our role in the motion picture and television industry, simplify industry processes for production workers and employers, and draw attention to opportunities for free and voluntary skills training, we have made some modifications to our website, found at www.csatf.org.

By clicking on the [About](#) section found at the top of the homepage, one can view a “CS Introduction,” which gives an overview of Contract Services’ role in the industry and the services we provide. This document was crafted with the local unions in mind, as several had asked for orientation materials to provide their new members.

A “[Roster App Process — General](#)” document was created to better explain the general roster placement application process and requirements for those workers applying to be placed on one of the industry’s rosters. This document can be found in the [Rosters & Lists](#) section under the respective roster page.

Additionally, a calendar of upcoming free and voluntary skills courses available to each local union was added to the [Sponsored Training](#) tab, found under [Skills](#) in the [Training](#) section.

Staff Spotlight

Welcome, Michael Skinner

Michael (Mike) Skinner has joined Contract Services as Senior Director, Production Affairs and Safety, reporting to VP, Matt Antonucci. Mike brings over 38 years of production-related expertise to the role, including a broad understanding of governmental regulations that apply to the motion picture and television industry.



Previously, Mike held various positions at CBS Studio Center, where he served as Electric Shop Department Head, Director of Technical Services, Director of Plant Services, and Vice President of Production Services. His areas of responsibility included managing the Electrical 40-Shop, Air Conditioning, Grip, Production Lighting, Sound and Video, Medical, Environmental Health and Safety, Security, and Audience Services departments.

While at CBS Studio Center, Mike was the MEP project manager for the construction of three sound stages, multi-story office buildings, and the state-of-the-art 250,000-square-foot Television News Broadcast Center for KCBS2 and KCAL9 news stations.

Though he is a new employee, Mike is not new to Contract Services. He has served on several industry committees administered by Contract Services, including the Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Committee — jointly administered by Contract Services and representatives of labor and management — for which he served as Chairman. He was also a valued contributor during the development of Safety Bulletins and Safety Pass courses.

Mike has a degree in Business Management from Moorpark College and a part-time Vocational Teaching Credential from the State of California. He is a Certified Journeyman Wireman and holds a City of Los Angeles Electrical Supervisor’s License and various other safety-related certificates.

A devoted husband and father, he and his wife of 34 years, Linda, have three children and five grandchildren. They enjoy RV trips with friends and cruising the oceans around the world.